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SUBJECT: MBFR: SPC DISCUSSION ON DATA ISSUES

REF: A) USNATO 4140; B) USNATO 4144

1. SPC ON AUGUST 1 HAD INITIAL DISCUSSION OF PARAS 1,4 AND 5 OF ISD/81 (REF A).

2. PARA 1 - ACTING CHAIRMAN OF WG (SMITH) SAID AHG ALREADY HAS THE REVISED FIGURES FOR MID-1974 THROUGH THE DELEGATIONS AND TO DENY THEM THIS OFFICIALLY WOULD BE FUTILE. FRG REP STATED HE WANTED TO POSTPONE AGREEMENT ON OFFICIAL RELEASE OF THE FIGURES FOR INTERNAL AHG USE. UK REP HAD NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF THESE FIGURES FOR AHG'S OWN USE. CHAIRMAN (KASTL) SAID SPC WOULD RETURN TO THIS ISSUE AT LATER DATE.

3. PARA 4 - FRG REP THOUGHT IT PREMATURE TO DISCUSS AIR FORCE
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MANPOWER WITH OTHER SIDE UNDER ANY ASPECT SINCE COULD LEAD DISCUSSION INTO UNCERTAIN DIRECTIONS. BELGIAN REP SAID AT FIRST SIGHT THE FRG HAD A POINT. HOWEVER,THE OTHER SIDE ALWAYS SAYS THAT IF AIR FORCE MANPOWERE WERE INCLUDED, DISPARITIES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES

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WOULD DISSAPEAR. WE WANT TO USE AIR FORCE ARGUMENT TO SHOW APPROXIMATE PARITY OF AIR MANPOWER, AND THERFORE TO KEEP DISCUSSION ON GROUND FORCES. THERE WAS NO REASON FOR TIMIDITY.

4. PARA 5 - ACTING CHAIRMAN OF WG, SUMMING UP WG DISCUSSION JULY 30,SAID THERE WAS COALESCENCE OF OPINION; THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO CHANGE "ABOUT 700,000" AS COMMON CEILING FOR GROUND FORCES. BELGIAN REP AGREED BUT SAID THERE WAS ANOTHER CONCEPT IN PLAY, THAT TEN PERCENT SHOULD BE MAXIMUM REDUCTION.

5. FLANK SECURITY - BELGIAN REP SUGGESTED MODIFICATION OF HIS "CHAPEAU" SENTENCE (REF B) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: " THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION INFRINGING THE SPIRIT IF NOT THE LETTER OF THIS AGREEMENT." UK REP SUGGESTED "... EITHER THE SPIRIT OR THE LETTER OF THIS AGREEMENT."

6. SPC ON AUGUST 5 WILL CONSIDER FLANK SECURITY (GUIDANCE REQUESTED REF B), PARA 4 OF ISD/81 (ON ISSUE OF AIR FORCE MANPOWER DATA TO SHOW ITS INCLUSION WILL NOT HELP REDUCE DISPARITIES) AND ON PARA 13 OF ISD/81 (LINK BETWEEN PHASES). MISSION ALSO REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON LATTER TWO POINTS. GOODBY

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